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SUBJECT: NORTHERN COAST STATUS REPORT

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1. AS AMPLICATION OF INFORMATION CONTAINED REFTELS, WE NOTE THAT DURING PAST FEW WEEKS, TURKS HAVE SUCCEEDED IN RESTORING A SEMBLANCE OF NORMALCY WITHIN OCCUPIED AREAS. POPULATION OF NORTH COAST VILLAGES, INCLUDING KYRENIA, NOW APPROACHING PRE-WAR LEVELS. SHOPS, RESTAURANTS, AND SOME INDUSTRY HAVE BEEN REACTIVATED.

2. SAME IS TRUE, THOUGH TO A LESSER EXTENT, IN AREAS SOUTH OF KYRENIA MOUNTAIN RANGE. TURK CYPRIOT REFUGEES FROM OMORPHITA AND KAIMAKLI (NICOSIA SUBURBS) ARE BEING RESETTLED IN GREEK CYPRIOT HOMES IN YEROLAKKOS --WHERE MANY EMBASSY LOCAL EMPLOYEES FORMERLY LIVED. KYTHREA AND OTHER GREEK CYPRIOT VILLAGES BETWEEN NICOSIA AND FAMAGUSTA ARE ALSO FILLING UP. WE UNDERSTAND MORPHOU POPULATION, TOO, APPROACHING PRE-WAR LEVEL.

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3. IMPORT OF THIS ACTIVITY IS THAT TURKS WILL HAVE DIFFICULT

TIME WITHDRAWING FROM THESE AREAS OR ALLOWING SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT
GREEK CYPRIOT REFUGEES RETURN, EVEN ASSUMING POLITICAL WILL
EXISTS. TURKS WOULD ENCOUNTER STRONG RESISTANCE IF THEY ATTEMPTED
TO GET SOUTHERN TURK CYPRIOTS VACATE THEIR NEWFOUND, AND RATHER
LUXURIOUS, RESIDENCES. INDIVIDUALS HAVE EXPENDED FAIR AMOUNT
OF TIME AND MONEY REHABILITATING THESE AND WILL BE LOATHE TO
RELOCATE A SECOND TIME. ALSO, THERE SIMPLY NO LONGER MUCH SPACE
TO WHICH TO RETURN MANY GREEK CYPRIOT REFUGEES. AS NORTHERN
TREK CONTINUES, IT BECOMING INCREASINGLY UNLIKELY THAT LARGE
NUMBER OF GREEK CYPRIOTS WILL EVER BE ABLE RETURN HOME.
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